CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	7spL5DZ.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1700120.018
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Wellington District Court
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	17 May 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes the sexual exploitation of children. It depicts a naked girl who is blindfolded and in restraints. The nature of the abuse is such that the image also promotes and supports sexual violence and extreme cruelty. The only purpose of the file is sexual arousal and gratification of those with a sexual interest in girls. Material such as this presents children as sexually available and appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention and encourages and legitimises such an interest. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated among likeminded people. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. This reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect children from exploitation and harm.